



MICHIGAN
ASSOCIATION FOR THE
**Education
of Young
Children**

*"...promoting quality education
and the well-being
of young children..."*

Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children **Position Statement on Child Care Center Regulations**

MiAEYC supports a strong system of public regulation, uniform for all programs across the state that serve children in out-of-home care settings. Regulation provides a basic level of protection and minimum operating standards. When these regulations and the systems that enforce them are well designed and effectively administered, they can help to assure the provision of early childhood programs that nurture, protect, and educate young children. As such, regulation should not be perceived as unwarranted intrusion but as vigorous and necessary consumer protection for parents and their young children, and as a support system for providers who wish to offer the highest quality of care.

MiAEYC believes that:

1. Regulation helps assure children's rights to an acceptable level of care.
2. Regulation can help raise the level of care.
3. Regulation should apply, without exception or exemptions, to all programs regardless of sponsorship, length of day, age of children or number of children served.
4. Regulation should be appropriate to the type of setting and the number of children served; it should reflect current research findings concerning the determinates of quality education and care.
5. Regulations must be uniform, clear, reasonable, and vigorously enforced.
6. Regulatory enforcement must be adequately funded to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the regulations.
7. Regulations and the regulatory system must be responsive to the needs of providers, parents, and children.
8. Regulation helps parents make informed choices about what is best for their children.

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